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MIDWIFERY



IN THE NEWS



No doctor, no midwife – why more women are giving birth alone

'Freebirthing' – bringing a child into the world without any medical support – is on the rise. One mother explains why she chose to do it

Sharp rise in wait times for perinatal mental health care in England

Campaigners have expressed alarm at new analysis showing a sharp increase in new or expectant mothers waiting for mental health care



Improving pay part of the solution to stem the tide of midwives leaving the NHS says RCM

'Paying staff fairly and valuing the skilled work they do is an important part of the solution to the maternity staffing crisis.' That's the message from the Royal College of Midwives (RCM) as it submits evidence to the NHS Pay Review Body (PRB).

NMC response to CQC maternity survey results 2023

This is in response to the release of the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) latest annual survey of women's maternity care experiences in England



Midwives need more time to talk to women about birth trauma

It is simply impossible to address birth trauma adequately without addressing the continuing shortage of midwives, the RCM's Chief Executive Gill Walton has told the UK's first-ever inquiry into birth trauma

GUIDELINES



NICE (2024)
Pregnancy Overview



Delivering Midwifery Continuity
of Carer at full scale



NMC Standards
for Midwives

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ORGANISATIONS



Royal College of Midwives



Association of Radical Midwives



WEB RESOURCES



[NHS Library resources for nursing and midwifery](#)



[Spotlight on Nursing & Midwifery Report](#)



[Clinical Knowledge Summary](#)



[British Journal of Midwifery](#)



[Current Awareness Bulletins](#)



[CPD Launchpad](#)

LATEST RESEARCH



[Roshen, J. I., Tudose, G., Kuo, C., Arth, G. and Wong, S. \(2024\) Ethical challenges in the treatment of psychotic pregnancy denial. Frontiers in Research, Feb 2, 15, 1337988. doi: 10.3389/fpsy.2024.1337988.](#)

[Metin, A. and Baltaci, N. \(2024\) The effects of video-assisted breastfeeding education given to primiparous pregnant women on breastfeeding self-efficacy: randomized control study. BMC Pregnancy Childbirth, Feb 17;24\(1\):142. doi: 10.1186/s12884-024-06317-1.](#)



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Joseph, T. Y., Schuch, V., Hossack, D. J., Chakraborty, R. and Johnson, E. L. (2024) Melatonin: the placental antioxidant and anti-inflammatory. *Frontiers in Immunology*, Feb 1, 15, 1339304. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2024.1339304.

Gong, Y., Jiang, T., Sun, Y., Wu, G. L., Han, B. W., Shi, Y., Guan, S. and Li, J. (2024) Can single progesterone concentration predict miscarriage in early pregnant women with threatened miscarriage: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, Feb 13, 24(1), 133. doi: 10.1186/s12884-024-06303-7.



EVIDENCE



Evidence for Maternity Care is an ongoing series of evidence relevant to maternity care, shared on social media
#EvidenceForMaternityCare



Cochrane UK have collated a series of evidence based reports from their archives called Maternity Matters

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If you have any questions or need any help or advice, please contact your liaison Librarian, **Stephanie Burns**

I can conduct specific evidence searches for you, help you find information to update policies and procedures, conduct 1:1 or group training sessions, provide help with studying, and much more!

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